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FINAL 1985 GRIZZLY BEAR SEASON

PRESENTED TO THE MONTANA FISH AND GAME COMMISSION  
August 7, 1985

Northern Continental Divide Ecosystem (excluding Glacier National Park)

Total known human-caused grizzly mortality quota = 17  
Total known human-caused female grizzly subquota = 7

Following Bear Management Areas (BMA) open to hunting:

Bob Marshall and Scapegoat BMA - female grizzly subquota = 2  
\*Districts 150 and 280 - September 15 through Dec. 1, 1985

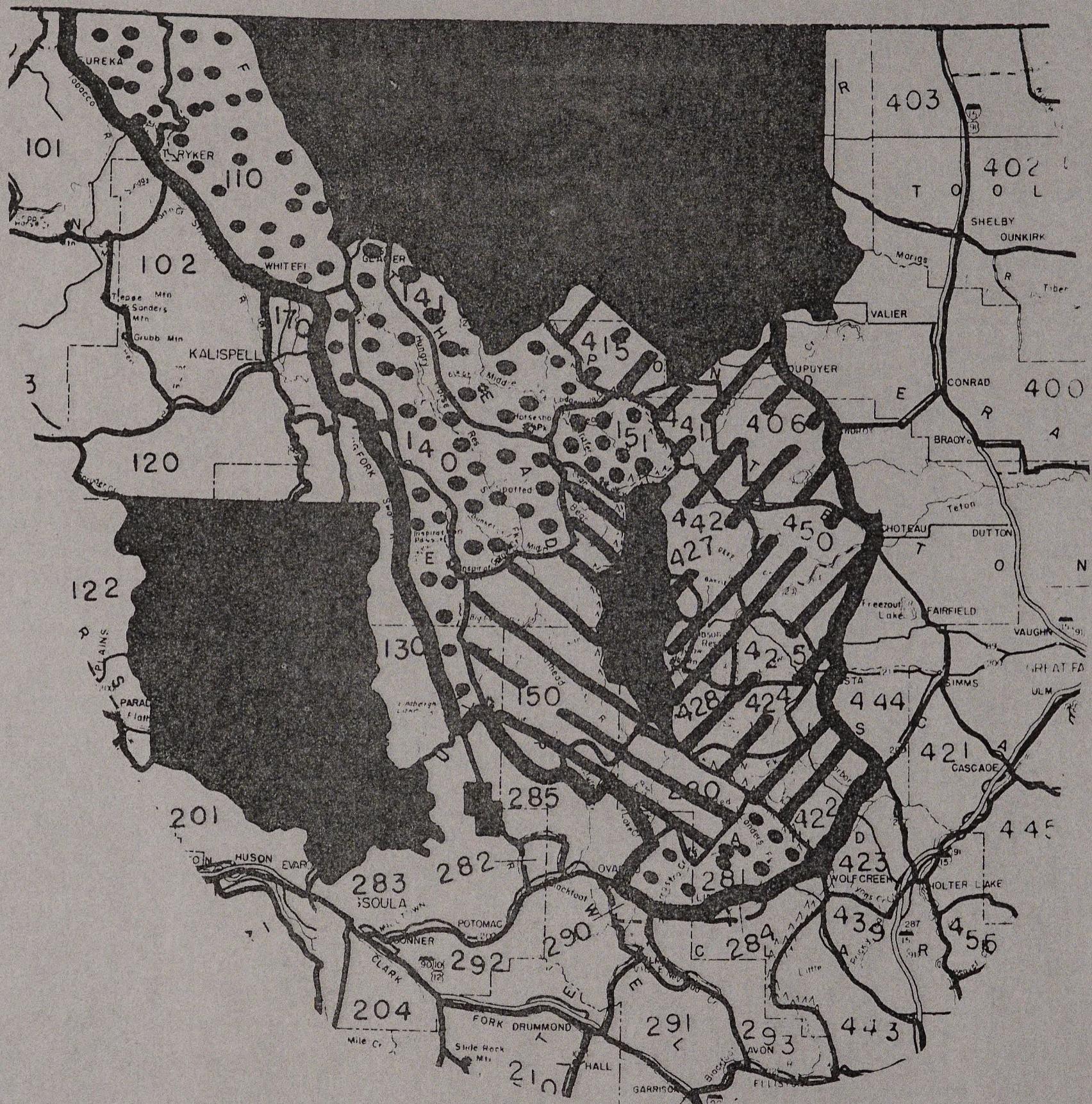
Flathead BMA - female grizzly subquota = 3  
\*District 151 - Sept. 15 through Dec. 1, 1985  
\*Districts 101 - east of Highway 93 - , 110, 130 - east of  
Highway 83, 140, 141 and 281 - Oct. 27 through Dec. 1, 1985  
\*District 130 - west of Highway 83 (Mission Mountains) - CLOSED

Rocky Mountain East Front BMA - female grizzly subquota = 2  
\*Districts 406 - west of Highway 89, 415, 422, 424, 441, 442  
and 450 - Oct. 27 through Dec. 1, 1985  
\*Districts 427 and 428 - October 27 through Dec. 1, 1985  
(will close earlier if elk quota is reached).

NOTE: all quotas and subquotas will include all known human-caused  
grizzly mortalities within the areas described for 1985.

\*Deer/Elk Hunting Districts as legally described in 1985 hunting  
regulations.

## BEAR MANAGEMENT AREAS



### Female Subquotas



## Flathead BMA

3



## Bob Marshall and Scapegoat BMA

2



## Rocky Mountain East Front BMA

2

## REGULATIONS

- 1) Annual limit per grizzly license holder is one grizzly bear of either sex.
- 2) Season will close on 48 hours notice in appropriate area if overall mortality quota or female subquotas are reached. If quotas are exceeded during the 48-hour closure period, they will be adjusted for the 1986 season.
- 3) Prohibit the taking of females with young and individual young (young defined as those two years old or younger).
- 4) Request that hunters not take grizzly bear when observed in groups (group defined as two bears or more).
- 5) All bear hunting is prohibited in:
  - a) all state game preserves.
- 6) Hunters taking grizzly bear must retain the hide and head from each specimen even though the head may have been damaged. Evidence of sex must remain intact on the carcass or skin.
- 7) Grizzly Trophy License

Hunters taking a grizzly bear must report the kill within 48 hours to an officer of the Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks and must personally present the hide and skull within 10 days to an officer of the department for purposes of inspection, tagging and recording of kill.

It is prohibited for any person to remove any portion of a grizzly bear from the State of Montana without first obtaining a trophy license.

- 8) Since the quotas include grizzly mortalities from all human causes, it is possible that the quotas could be reached before the hunting season opens. Refunds of license fees will be available upon application if all grizzly seasons do not open in 1985. That is, if any of the areas open for grizzly hunting in 1985, no refund will be available.

NOTE: The department will also increase enforcement efforts especially during the first two weeks of the season to assure prompt reporting of grizzly taken by hunters. Assistance will be requested from the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the U. S. Forest Service.

## HOW AND WHERE TO APPLY FOR 1985 GRIZZLY HUNTING LICENSE

### HOW

1. Obtain an application at any license dealer, Montana Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks Regional Headquarters or the Helena office. These will be available by August 1, 1985.
2. Obtain a conservation license if you do not already have one.
3. Submit your completed application with appropriate fee to any FWP Regional Headquarters or the Helena Office by August 31, 1985. You may obtain a grizzly license in person or by mail if postmarked by August 31, 1985.

(Do not submit the applications to license dealers).

4. There is a separate application for residents and nonresidents.
5. Incorrect or incomplete applications cannot be processed.